

WEEKLY REPORT
Region 9
Environmental Protection Agency
Week of February 24, 2017
Superfund Division

Highlight of Past Week

California/Nevada Flooding: The Region has been activated by FEMA to stand-watch for the California-Nevada Statewide Flood Incidents. Lake Oroville, Butte County, CA was at maximum capacity and, amid concerns that an emergency, secondary spillway may fail downstream, evacuations of approximately 200,000 people were ordered this past weekend. Region 9 completed a “data pull” for vulnerable facilities (oil and hazardous material facilities, wastewater and drinking water treatment plans) downstream of the Oroville Dam. In many locations across northern CA and NV flooding has been intense in some places but there *are no anticipated dam failure*. The Region is staffing the Emergency Support Function desk at a FEMA Joint Field Office in Sacramento, CA and has stood up a small situation unit in the Regional Emergency Operations Center.

On Monday February 20, Region 9 was put on alert to assist FEMA in planning for a massive spillway discharge from the Don Pedro Dam (LaGrange, Tuolumne County, CA). A large amount of water will be released resulting in certain flooding in low lying areas along the Tuolumne and San Joaquin Rivers. Authorities are concerned about potential damages to a wastewater treatment plant. EPA subject matter experts have been advising local authorities to minimize potential overflows at the plant.

On Tuesday February 21, authorities began tracking flooding along Coyote Creek (US-101, Santa Clara County) in Morgan Hill downstream of the Lake Anderson Dam. A west side levee failure along Coyote Canal has resulted in flooding of Highway 101 north of Morgan Hill. Highway 101 is a major north-south artery in northern and central California.

Finally in Lyon County, NV a retention basin located south west of Dayton Valley Road is full and over flowing into adjacent drainages. (Contact: Harry Allen, x 23063)
<https://r9.ercloud.org/R9WAB/R9COP/>

Triple Site Offsite OU VI (Sunnyvale, CA): Deliberative Process (b) (5)

Enforcement (b) (1) (A) & (C)

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. (Contact: Melanie Morash, x2-3050 or Alejandro Diaz, 2-3242)

March AFB (Riverside, CA): On February 16, EPA, along with DTSC and the Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Board, signed the ROD Amendment for the March Air Force OU-2 Site 19 - the West March Sludge Drying Beds. The new remedy for Site 19 is now 'No Further Action', leaving the land suitable for Site Closeout to Unlimited Use and Unrestricted Exposure. (Contact: Catherine Brown, x7-4137)

Sulphur Bank (Clear Lake, CA): On Tuesday February 21, the Region implemented emergency flood controls by adding sand bags to increase freeboard at the Sulphur Bank Mine wastewater impoundment. On Thursday, the Emergency Response Section will participate in a job walk for the installation of a neutralization water treatment system. (Contact: Christopher Weden, x23041)

Vessel San Juan (Fort Bragg, CA): On February 15, OSC Maggie Waldon responded to a large vessel which had sunk in the Noyo River, Mendocino County, CA. On February 14 the Coast Guard responded along with CA Fish and Wildlife, Office of Spill Prevention and Response, to reports of oil sheening on the water surface. USCG Sector San Francisco provided personnel and booming equipment to collect oil and sheen. The wooden hull was damaged and may be broken apart. OSC Waldon coordinated with County and State responders on removal of the vessel but ultimately local, State and CG entities were unable to raise the vessel. Once the vessel is removed, EPA and CG may coordinate final disposition of any hazardous wastes or oil wastes. (Contact: Margaret Waldon, x2-3987)

Arizona Local Emergency Planning Committee Workshop: On February 22-23, in Phoenix, AZ, EPA partnered with the Arizona State Emergency Response Commission to develop and run an Local Emergency Planning Committee workshop. The workshop convened folks from LEPCs throughout the state to discuss LEPC structure, expectations and resources from a Federal and State Perspective; LEPC Challenges, Successes and Needs (LEPCs); and to demonstrate Arizona's new Tier 2 Database and the Computer-Aided Management of Emergency Operations suite of tools. In addition ERA led a tabletop that exercised the relationship of Local Area Plans with Facility Plans in the context of an incident. (Contact: Bill Jones, 619-235-4776)

Significant Items for Next Week

Press Stories, Significant Policy, Regulatory, or Legal Actions (2-3 weeks out)

Grant Announcements

Legislative Engagement

Travel, Training, Public/National Meetings, and Speaking Engagements

30-60 Day Outlook

Other Information

Division Director Schedule:

Internal Personnel (b) (2)

Internal to Region 9

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